

## **Enclosure 2 – Potential Federal Actions**

- Expand National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit coverage: For example, using residual designation authority to increase the number of sources, operations, or communities regulated by the NPDES permit program;
- Further expanding EPA review of draft permits in the Bay watershed and objecting to permits that do not meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act (including NPDES effluent limits that are not consistent with the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) wasteload allocations (WLAs));
- Require net improvement offsets that do more than merely replace the anticipated new or increased loadings;
- Establish finer-scale WLAs and load allocations (LAs);
- Requiring additional reductions from point sources by revising the Chesapeake Bay TMDL to reallocate load reductions from nonpoint to point sources such as wastewater treatment plants;
- Further increasing and targeting federal enforcement and compliance assurance in the watershed, including both air and water sources of nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment;
- Further conditioning or redirecting EPA grants and incorporating criteria into future Requests for Proposals based on demonstrated progress in meeting WIPs or in an effort to yield higher nitrogen, phosphorus, or sediment load reductions;
- Promulgating federal standards where the jurisdiction's water quality standards (WQS) do not contain criteria that protect designated uses locally or downstream.